them have neither been treated as final nor accepted unanimously.

(d) and (e) Though some researchers in France have made such statements it is difficult to see how Indus Valley language can be used in the manner suggested until it has been deciphered and accepted generally.

Bringing of Telephone Exchanges in National Capital Region under MTN Limited

*310. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring all the telephone exchanges, falling within the National Capital Region, under the Mahanagar Telephones Nigam Ltd.;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when '86' exchanges are likely to be converted into electronic exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) The Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited covers only the Union Territory of Delhi and it is not the policy of Government to extend the jurisdiction to the entire National Capital Region.

(d) The '86' exchange is located in Ghaziabad Telecom District in UP Telecom Circle and is expected to be converted into electronic exchange by March, 1993.

Closing down of Non-viable Public Enterprises

*311. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received some suggestions from the panel of economists, working under the Planning Commission, for closing down some of the non-viable public sector enterprises;

(b) if so, whether any identification of those enterprises has been made;

(c) whether it is a fact that lack of foresight and improper use of human resources have been the major causes for making those enterprises non-viable;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps are proposed to be taken to improve the functioning of those units, instead of closing down or selling out such units?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir. During the sixth meeting of Panel of Economists held on 26-7-1989, a suggestion was made that those public enterprises which cannot become viable may be closed down or sold off or restarted as private enterprises.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The viability of public sector enterprises depends on a number of factors including proper planning and execution. The other major factors are a judicious product mix, proper assessment of the market, right choice of technology location of units, rigid adherence to time and investment schedules, effective management and healthy industrial relations.

(e) The remedial steps to improve the working of public sector enterprises would vary from unit to unit, depending upon the circumstances. These include: modernisation of plant and equipment, technological upgradation, diversification of product mix, pricing flexibility, strengthening of management, labour rationalisation, retaining and re-deployment of labour, formation of holding companies, capital restructuring, etc.